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As civic agency lists out measures taken to mitigate flooding, more questions remain on the steps yet to be taken

UNDER A CLOUD

Citizens fear for their possessions, ease of movement and even their lives this monsoon

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The countdown to monsoon has begun. As per the forecast, in two weeks, it will hit the city. Now, the big question looming is whether the civic agency is prepared to save the city from flooding this time around? Last year saw many areas in the city being submerged leaving people marooned and having to be rescued by boats, and this year, we have already got a peek into the calamitous effects on Sunday.

"Bengaluru had record rainfall in the last two years. There is still no clue about how much rainfall this monsoon will bring in the wake of the El Nino effect. Yet, we are not sure if our civic agency is prepared, said Neenu J, a resident of Sarjapur Road.

Neenu echoes the fears of many others. "The few spells of rainfall this year have already inundated different parts of the city and the people had to suffer

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Indian handicrafts

Immerse in a holistic craft experience brought by Dastkar at this flea market. Dastkar brings the most authentic experience of Indian handicrafts by bringing a confluence of more than 100 craft groups from 20+ states across India within one arena. The bazaar will offer a wide range of lifestyle accessories, silver jewellery, adornments, metal crafts, carved furniture & decorative products, pottery & ceramics, basketry & fibre crafts, leather products, traditional paintings, a variety of hand-woven, embroidered, block printed textiles and much more.
Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel, Jayamahal Road
When: May 23 – 29, 10.30 am to 8.30 pm
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02 Epic tales

Few stories in the world are as intriguing as the Mahabharata, with its numerous plots and sub-plots and characters having strengths and flaws in equal measure. 'Stories from the Mahabharata' is an endeavour by Aparna Jaishankar to recreate an interest in this epic.
Where: Lahe Lahe
When: March 27, 5-6 pm; Tickets: 9886294444

03 Stories and more

Atta Galatta presents "I Am So Much More" in collaboration with HarperCollins. Divya Thomas is a storyteller and campaigner for gender equality and the environment. She is passionate about changing the narrative to empower both young children and grown-up children (adults) to redefine our world.
Where: Atta Galatta
When: May 27, 4PM
contact: 9632510126

All queues lead to where BPL card is

Many flock to get BPL cards to be eligible for 5 guarantee schemes

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

According to officials, more than a thousand applications are being submitted each day

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> **They say that they are more interested in the benefits that could be offered by the new government**
> –Chandrashekar D, owner of cyber centre

Although the state government has approved the five guarantee schemes, there is still no clarity on who is eligible for them. Many people believe that having a Below Poverty Line (BPL) card could be one of the criteria for eligibility. As a result, people have been flocking to obtain these BPL cards.

Officials said that more than a thousand applications are being received each day.

Earlier, there was a temporary ban for applying BPL cards, which was lifted on May 18. As a result, many people are rushing to Bangalore One, Karnataka One, and other cyber centres where they can apply for BPL cards. An official said that the issuance of BPL cards was stopped in 2017 due to various reasons. Then, in 2019-20, the distribution was delayed due to Covid. During the Covid period, the cards were only issued to a select group of people.

Chandrashekar D, who runs a cyber centre, said, "For the past few weeks, we have been seeing an unusual number of people asking for BPL cards. When I ask them if they want to get a BPL card for ration items, they say that they are more interested in the benefits that could be offered by the new government."

A senior official said that they were processing the applications and would distribute them in phases. The distribution was earlier held up due to the election code of conduct. However, applicants say that they are finding it difficult to apply due to server issues. Officials said that so far 8,45,447 applications have been received and out of this, 2,88,599 applications are yet to be processed.

Dinakar D, a resident of Pattegarpalya, said, "I used to work in a tech company but lost my job. Since then, I have been unable to find a new job. As I live in a rented house, paying rent has also become quite challenging. So, I wanted to apply for a BPL card so that I can get ration items at a subsidised price and also see if I am eligible for any government schemes. However, getting a BPL card is quite a challenge."

An official said that many people who do not fall in the BPL category are also applying for BPL cards. As a result, the department is trying to verify the BPL card holders so that only eligible beneficiaries are issued BPL cards.

Meanwhile, many cyber centres are also seeing a rush of graduates seeking the cards. "As the state government has announced that unemployed graduates of 2022-23 are entitled to a compensation of Rs 2,000 per month, we are seeing many youngsters queuing up. Earlier, we used to see only middle-aged or elderly people coming to apply for BPL cards, but this is an unusual trend," said Mahesha R, who runs a cyber centre.

Cancer survivors watch RCB's last match

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Manipal Hospitals, the official health partner for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), gifted 20 cancer survivors a memorable, rejuvenating, and fun-filled evening by providing them with an exclusive match-day experience at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday.

"From the time a cancer patient is diagnosed to the time he/she has recovered is the most difficult time of their life. They are engulfed in a state of fear, grief, and a sense of isolation which continues even after the total recovery period. Other than self-care in the aspect of consuming healthy food, exercising, and follow-ups with your doctor, it is essential to recuperate mentally as well which takes a toll on a patient and mind during the treatment process. Hence, Manipal Hospitals made arrangements for 20 cancer survivors along with their caretakers to enjoy the fun-filled live match. Prior to entering the stadium, their health conditions were monitored, and all necessary medication was provided to them. Inside the venue, medical booths were set up, and a team of dedicated volunteers was assigned to attend to the needs of the survivors throughout the event," said an official.

Karthik Rajagopal, COO, Manipal Hospitals said that despite the threat of thunderstorms, rain did not stop our cancer survivors of Manipal Hospital Millers Road, Old Airport Road, Sarjapur, Yeswanthpur to cheer for RCB at Chinnaswamy stadium. The Manipal Hospitals team made sure all arrangements are made adhering to the guidelines set by the BCCI team.

Cancer survivors thanked for a memorable, rejuvenating, fun filled evening for an exclusive match day like experience.

Nature's fury in Cubbon Park

READY FOR MONSOON?

Around 38 trees uprooted in park; many raise concern over healthy trees toppling

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Trees uprooted in Cubbon Park

With rain lashing the city over the last couple of days, many trees have been uprooted and branches have fallen across Bengaluru.

As many as 38 trees have tumbled inside Cubbon Park as well. While every time there is heavy rain, episodes of trees falling surface without fail, regular walkers at the park say the number of healthy trees that have been uprooted over the last couple of days inside the park is unusual.

Many are left wondering if the recent development work inside the park has played a role.

"There have been a lot of development activities taken up at the park by the Horticulture Department through agencies such as Bengaluru Smart City Limited. We had above-average rainfall last year and trees that had fallen then as well. But this time around, most of the trees falling are healthy and with extensive root systems. Wherever the workers have cut the trunks of the fallen trees to move them to the side, one can still see the sap," said Thanmaya BP, a regular at Cubbon Park.

Walkers say while the idea of a park is to have trees and greenery for people to relax, the authorities appear to be more inclined towards concretising the area and redoing facilities that already existed. Some claim there has been a rapid modernisation of the park without much focus on biodiversity leading to ecological deterioration.

"There has been major design and civil work in Cubbon Park which has resulted in the trees getting damaged in the process. The horticulture and the forest department need to come together in consultation with experts to protect these trees and green spaces," said Vinod Jacob from Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

Walkers say it is high time a coherent committee with fair representation of various parkgoers is created so citizens have a say in activities being taken up by the Horticulture Department.

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> Gautham Krishnan, a regular at the park

"The park is for the citizens and thus they should be consulted before any development activities are taken up inside the park area. Priorities should be jointly decided by citizen representatives and the authorities from Horticulture Department. There is also a need to bring in some specialists to look at the park and see what can be done to ensure that the trees inside the park are preserved and protected," said Gautham Krishnan, another parkgoer.

However, officials from Horticulture Department denied the claims of the unusual number of trees tumbling inside the park over the last two days. They say many trees in the park and very old and thus such incidents are inevitable. Last season, nearly 47 trees fell.

"We have recorded 38 trees that have fallen inside Cubbon Park over the weekend mostly due to gusty wind. It has nothing to do with the development work taken on by BSCL. We request the public to keep a tab on whether forecast and avoid visiting the park on days that are expected to receive rainfall and thunderstorm," said HT Balakrishna, deputy director, Horticulture Department (Cubbon Park).

When you strike at the roots...

Experts say BBMP's callous civic work has left many trees weakened with damaged root systems

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A tree uprooted in Central College

With monsoons soon approaching and the early showers leaving many trees uprooted in the city, green activists say that the municipal body, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), has to take measures to reduce the damage to a minimum.

Vijay Nishant, popularly known as the 'Tree Doctor', said that the BBMP needs to first begin the much awaited tree census to get a clear picture of all the trees in the city. In 2019, the Karnataka High Court had directed the BBMP to count all the trees in Bengaluru. Despite the court order specifying that the census must begin within 30 days from the date of order, the task is yet to see the light of day. Nishant added that the public can also be involved in the process. "Prior to the rainy season, they must identify all the trees with weak branches, dead wood and those that are entirely deteriorating, and remove them. They must replant strong trees, which have the ability to withstand wind and rains, in place of the fallen ones," he said.

He further noted that during civic projects taken up by the municipal body such as laying of pedestrian pathways, due to lack of adequate care, root systems of many trees sustain damage leading them to fall during heavy rains. "When one scans through a fallen tree, you can notice that the canopies are intact while the root system is damaged," he said.

"Most of the cases I've noticed point to the flaws with the BBMP.

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The pedestrian pathways are built in without allowing even breathing space for the tree, leaving them choked. Naturally, they weaken and fall due to harsh winds," said Professor TV Ramachandran with the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc). He also added that the tree census is very much necessary. He further said that the authorities must take up initiatives to replace exotic trees with native ones. "We don't see trees like ficus and tamarind falling. The colonial rulers brought species like the gulmohar and rain trees, and they must be phased out eventually to reduce damages caused by trees during rainy seasons," he said.

FLOODING SCENES
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

After KR Circle underpass incident, BBMP to take precautions to prevent water stagnation at city underpasses

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Rescue personnel at work at the KR Circle underpass that was completely flooded during Sunday's rain

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Here is good news for hapless commuters and motorists in the city. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to take measures to prevent water stagnation and flooding at the underpasses in the city. The BBMP has been maintaining around 20 underpasses in the city.

It seems the BBMP authorities have pulled up their socks after an unfortunate incident in which a techie lost her life when the car she was travelling got stuck at the KR Circle underpass that was flooded with rainwater.

One or the other underpass hitting the headlines for the wrong reasons during the monsoon has been routine in the city, and as usual, the BMBP authorities used to press men and machinery to drain water from the underpass.

They used to forget about the existence of the underpass as soon as it was opened to the public. However, the tragic incident at the KR Circle underpass made the BBMP authorities contemplate a permanent solution for the problems at all underpasses in the city.

> **"The underpasses without drain facilities will be closed to the public. Those underpasses will be opened to the public only after drains are constructed to drain the accumulated water** – Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP

"We are contemplating installing cattle traps at the exit and entry of all the underpasses. The cattle traps will reduce the flow of water into the underpass during the monsoon. We are also planning to cover the open space at underpasses with polycarbonate sheets and install water level indicators. The covering of open spaces will reduce water accumulation at the underpass, and the water level indicators will alert commuters about the depth of the water," said a BBMP Executive Engineer.

The cost of installing cattle traps, covering the open spaces, and installing water level indicators would range from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore. The work may begin at all underpasses within a few days, he informed.

Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has directed Chief Engineer BS Prahlad to submit a report on the condition of all the underpasses in the city. "The underpasses without drain facilities will be closed to the public. Those underpasses will be opened to the public only after drains are constructed to drain the accumulated water," said the BBMP Chief Commissioner.

Some of the underpasses known for flooding during the monsoon include the infamous underpass known as the magic box at Cauvery Junction, the underpass near the Karnataka Slum Clearance Board on Seshadri Road, and other underpasses at Shivananda Circle, Cantonment Junction, Kodigehalli, Benniganahalli, Vijinapura in Bengaluru East, as well as a few underpasses in Mahadevapura.

"We have complained to the BBMP authorities about flooding of the underpass that connects Old Madras Road to Kasturi Nagar, but nothing has been done till date," said Mohan Kumar, a resident.

Meanwhile, Prof MN Srihari, a traffic expert, told BM that most of the underpasses are constructed unscientifically. "The slope of an underpass should be 1:20, but the slope of most of the underpasses is only 1:8. The slope of an underpass should be less (1:20 or 1:30). The more slope, the more accumulation of water at the underpass. The length of an underpass should be longer to reduce the slope," he said.

Residents count losses amidst rain

The residents of Mahalakshmi Layout faced a difficult situation when drain water, accompanied by heavy rainfall, entered their homes, requiring them to undertake extensive cleaning efforts.

Meanwhile, in Ganesha Layout, around 25 vehicles were submerged in rainwater on Sunday, causing distress among the residents. One resident expressed their fear, stating that the vehicles were practically floating and that there was a concern that they could be washed away.

"On Monday, the residents had to remove their furniture, which had been soaked in the rainfall. The heavy rain began on Sunday afternoon, coinciding with the closure of the rajakaluve for repairs. Consequently, the diverted flow of water rushed into our homes," another resident informed BM. Approximately 10 houses were damaged, with two severely affected. "It was scary as the water level rose to about seven feet, causing significant losses for several households on Sunday. Some houses suffered losses of up to Rs 5 lakh as many of their belongings were damaged," they added. **BMB**

Techie's brother files complaint

In connection with the death of a young woman in a flooded underpass near KR Circle, the deceased woman's brother had filed a complaint against the driver of the car and the BBMP officials at the Halasuru gate police station. The woman has been identified as Bhanurekha. An FIR was registered on the complaint filed by her brother Sandeep.

Following the complaint, the police arrested the car driver Harish.

On Sunday, the woman, employed with Infosys, was travelling in the car with family when the vehicle got stuck in the water accumulated in the underpass. She ultimately succumbed to her injuries in the hospital.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the government has given Rs 5 lakh compensation to the deceased's family. The family members who fell sick would be given treatment free of cost, he said.

Grim weather forecast

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for days. The situation is such that people are not safe staying at home as there could be water logging, people are not safe on the roads as there are instances of people being washed away in rajakaluves and people are not safe when they are driving as a 23-year old woman died after their car got struck in KR Circle underpass. We need concrete steps," she said.

Former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai accused BBMP officials of negligence in taking up precautionary measures despite the warning by the Meteorological Department about heavy rains. "This incident took place only due to the negligence of the BBMP officials. Soon after the incident, the civic body officials never went to the rescue of the affected people. We have formed SDRF teams in Bengaluru but that needs to be launched and given more work. The Meteorological department has predicted heavy rains in the next five days. Required precautions must be taken on war footing as several trees have fallen across the city. Those trees have not been cleared yet. If it is allowed to remain so, there will be chaos in Bengaluru," he warned.

However, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that they were left helpless because of the heavy rainfall in a short span of time. "The city received 50 mm of rainfall in just 45 minutes, resulting in flash floods. Even if there is 65 mm of rainfall in 24 hours, it could be managed. However, when the intensity of rainfall is so heavy, it results in flash floods. Another reason is that it was accompanied by heavy winds at the speed of 30 to 40 kmph due to which the leaves fell and blocked the grates of the drains, thereby disrupting the water flow. We are currently taking up the desilting of lined drains and packages have been given for 28 constituencies so that there is one contractor working for each constituency," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that there is a need to re-start the demolition drive to free the Rajakaluves from encroachment. However, many of these removal drives are said to be caught in legal tangles. Nath said, "Out of the 607 identified spots, there are legal issues at 108 spots. However, encroachments are being removed in Mahadevapura and KR Puram, as planned for the remaining spots. The clearing of rajakaluves is scheduled quarterly, with the completion of the first quarter's work by March. The second quarter's work has commenced, and the target completion date has been revised to June."

Earlier, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) had installed sensors at rajakaluves. However, the data is not sufficient as the civic agency requires assistance from scientists to analyse the data. "KSNDMC has installed sensors at rajakaluves and provided the data to BBMP. The analysis of this data will be carried out with the assistance of IISc. Although IISc has requested a payment of Rs 3 crore for their services, the BBMP has agreed to pay and expects to receive the analysis data soon," he said, adding that the water logging in Mahalakshmi Layout was due to centring of rajakaluve work where the smooth flow of water was disrupted and it flooded nearby areas. Around 15 houses in DJ Halli were also flooded on Sunday.

Their worst nightmares in flood-prone regions

Vulnerable regions are a recipe for disaster with stormwater drains in need of maintenance

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With the southwest monsoon expected to make its onset in Karnataka in just a couple of weeks, it's a tense environment in flood-prone areas, labelled as vulnerable locations by Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC), across the city.

Hundreds of migrants living in the narrow streets of Chalavadipalya ward in Bengaluru West, one of the 226 vulnerable areas declared by KSNDMC, say they are looking at their worst nightmares again.

The disaster management centre recently released a list of areas prone to flooding even after one cm of rainfall. Locals living in Chalavadipalya ward slums of the ward with a total population of nearly 25,000 people according to the 2011 census say the stormwater drains in their area have not been cleared of silt yet.

"The drains have accumulated nearly 5-6 feet of silt. The area does not have underground drainage and thus all the wastewater pipes from the shacks lead to stormwater drains. These pipes are only around three feet above the current water level in the drains. Even a light shower will lead to water level reaching these pipes and sewage entering the houses," said a resident of the slum area.

The Chalavadipalya ward's slums are a sorry state of affairs, say residents

"Slums are the most affected with stormwater drains not being cleaned, drain walls needing immediate repair, say organisations working for their upliftment"

Locals say while workers from BBMP's SWD department were in the area some time back, they only cleaned the drain of solid waste floating on the surface.

"The workers just removed the solid waste floating on the surface of these drains. Even the walls have not been strengthened. Most of the houses here are nearly two to three feet below the road level. In some places, locals have made the temporary strengthening of SWD walls but these have to be rectified," said Abdul Karim, another resident of the slum.

Apart from the upcoming monsoon, locals say dengue cases have already surfaced.

READY FOR MONSOON?

Organisations working towards the upliftment of slum communities in the city say while BBMP has taken some precautionary measures, SWDs in the area are in a sad state. It is filled with silt and stones and surrounded by solid waste and plastics. A good spell of rain even for half an hour will flood the houses in slum communities in the area. BBMP's work is mostly limited to constructing CC drains and raising concrete walls.

"SWD carries sewage and solid waste which demands regular maintenance using machinery, it can't be done superficially with few labourers' work. The drains need to be cleaned regularly to avoid calamities. As part of the preparations, BBMP should come up with an emergency toll-free number and create awareness among the communities living around the drains. BBMP should also deploy people who will be available round the clock in case of any emergencies during the monsoon," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association, a city-based NGO that works with slum communities.

It's September 2022 all over again

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For the residents of Sarjapur's Greenwood Regency, it's déjà vu all over again. Residents are scared that with the incomplete stormwater drain work that was started over six months ago, it might just turn into a flooding scene like last year with the heavy rains.

Last year when rains hit the city and parts of Mahadevapura was flooded, the G apartment was flooded with overflow of water from the Saulkere lake that led to the wall collapse of Wipro adjacent to the apartment complex. The water gushed in the apartment complex and the residents faced a lot of problem.

The incomplete stormwater drain work is a source of worry for residents of Greenwood Regency in Sarjapur

A resident said, "The work has been going slow from seven to eight months now and the SWD is not completed. The rains have already started now and with the construction left open the water can overflow and get into the apartment again. Last year, over 30-35 cars were impacted due to the flooding inside our apartment. We have around 70-100 children in apartment complex and with the SWD work left half done, there is a major safety issue of every resident including children and senior citizens. This apart there is lack of coordination between apartments as some of the electric lines need to be shifted and some trees to be cut to make way and they need approvals for it."

The residents pointed out that after the last flooding issue that occurred in September, the BBMP immediately came up and started to dig up the road for the construction of the SWD. However, the drain work only started in January.

The resident added that a portion of making the SWD is nearly only 100 metre. As told by BBMP, once the SWD is constructed completely will help in easy flow of water and won't result in the flooding. The weekend rains now had already resulted in flooding in some areas; we are scared," he added.

The residents alleged that during elections the political parties had made promises to complete the work soon, but nothing has happened yet. "The road is half dug up and we only have another half area to commute on. Since it is even left open, it can be highly dangerous. There have also been some minor accidents here, said another resident.

Vishnu Prasad, a resident of Bellandur said that the new government must also show same urgency as 5 guarantees to reform BBMP, make system accountable to deliver services. Bengaluru is banking on the Namma Bengaluru's Congress manifesto that gave 6th guarantee to reform BBMP & fix lack of administration.

An official from BBMP stormwater drain department, Mahadevapura division said, "There is a sanitary water flowing inside the SWD and we are creating a diversion for it. Hence the work is progressing slow. We will be completing the work in another one and a half month. Right now, there is nothing to worry about flooding of water as we have already addressed the issue of flooding in that place. Work is going on and we will complete it at the earliest."

IN BRIEF

Gold, washed away!

On Sunday, the downpour washed away gold jewellery kept in a jewellery showroom in Malleswaram. The owner of the jewellery showroom said, "We were scared when the rain entered the showroom. We had to save our lives and later, we were shocked to see that the jewellery kept in boxes were also washed away. We estimate a loss of Rs 2.5 crore worth gold jewellery. We could not do much as we were worried if there could be electrocution." **–BMB**

Toll increases to two

After a 23-year-old woman travelling in a car died after the vehicle got stuck in KR Circle underpass, a 27-year-old man was also washed away in a stormwater drain. His body was found on Monday.

Sources said that Lokesh who used to earlier work in a petrol bunk had quit his job later due to health issues. On Sunday, he had been to medical stores to bring pills and when he was near the SWD, he was washed away near KP Agrahara and his body was found at Byatarayanapura which was five km away from the spot. A spot visit on Monday showed that the drain where Lokesh had died was not covered. **–BMB**

This untidy blend threatens the lake

Aquatic life at risk as sewage mixed with rain water has been entering eastern part of Doddakallasandra Lake for past few days: Residents

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Residents living near Doddakallasandra Lake in south Bengaluru are worried as sewage mixed with rainwater has been entering the water body unabated over the last few days. Locals say the lake's water has become murky, and if no action is taken soon, it is staring at yet another fish kill incident.

"The concrete canal on the eastern part of the lake is filled with garbage. In the last few spells of rain over the last week, a lot of sewage has entered the water body. We have noticed fish gasping for air on the surface," said Soundararajan Rajagopalan, a resident of the area.

Locals added that a good quantity of sewage entered the water body nearly a week ago as the sewage mainlines in the entire stretch leading to the lake area were completely blocked.

"We had alerted Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials about the issue, and it was resolved within two days. However, now dirty water is getting in through a concrete canal built on the east end of the lake, which is completely choked with garbage," said another resident of the area.

According to regular walkers at the lake, water flowing through the canal is carrying sewage, which might have led to a drop in the dissolved oxygen level inside the lake.

A concrete canal built on the east end of Doddakallasandra Lake is completely choked with garbage

While concerned citizens have reached out to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials to raise the alarm on deteriorating water quality, no action has been taken on the ground.

"We saw a few fish gasping for air two to three times, mostly in the area where the canal drains. The water quality has deteriorated, and the lake water has gone blackish. The lake does not have 24*7 security personnel, leading to illegal garbage dumping inside the concrete canal. We have highlighted the issue to the concerned BBMP official. They cleaned the wetland recently, but we are still waiting for the canal to be cleaned of garbage," explained Rajagopalan.

> **"We had alerted BWSSB officials about it, and it was resolved withing two days. However, now dirty water is getting in through a canal** –a resident

B'lurean trampolines his way to award

Athlete from Nagarabhavi bags cash prize at open trampoline competition held in city

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It was a different experience for hundreds of people who visited a mall for shopping on Sunday evening. They had the opportunity to witness an open trampoline competition organised at a mall. The event has showcased 12 national-level athletes vying for coveted cash prizes.

"The primary objective of this event was to generate widespread excitement around trampolining, an Olympic sport with immense untapped potential within the country. Despite its captivating nature and thrilling appeal, trampolining has often remained overlooked and underappreciated," said Suneel, co-founder of Skyjumper.

Aayush Mule, Rahi Pakhle and Adarsh Bhoir with Kaushik Bidiwala, treasurer of Gymnastic Federation of India

Adarsh Bhoir and Rahi Pakhle of Mumbai and Aayush Mule of Aurangabad were declared the best among all the participants.

Trishul Gowda BN from Nagarabhavi in Bengaluru told Bangalore Mirror that he was very happy to get third prize. "I got Rs 10,000 as cash prize. I am preparing for 36th National Gymnastics to be held in Goa," said Gowda.

> **The event featured 12 national-level athletes from different states**

Shaik Yaasin from Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh added that she was very happy to participate in the competition.

The participants from different states were: Ayush Sanjay Muley, Ajay Vijay Pahurkar, Trishul Gowda BN, Adarsh Anil Bhoir, Rahi Nitin Pakhle, Sejal Suhar Jadhav, Udit Chauhan, Abhijit Surendrakumar Nimbalkar, Shaik Yaasin, Sooraj AN, Anil Rajendran TR, and Anvitha Sachin.

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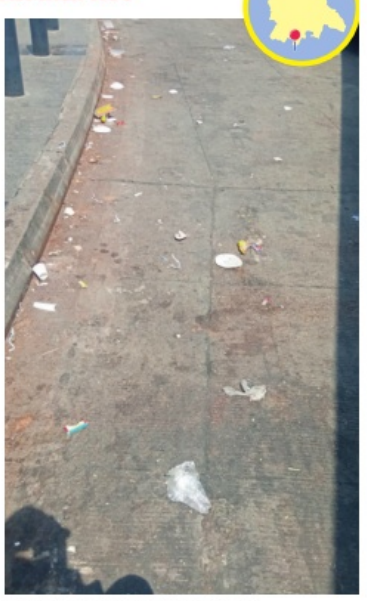

The KR Market bus stop exemplifies poor management, with plastic waste scattered in abundance.

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HEALTH TIP: Rosemary is a good source of magnesium, needed for balancing your body clock and giving you a good night's sleep

Mangoes are rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, making them an excellent addition to a healthy diet

Parents, it is called a burnout

Exhausted, disconnected and fed up – what is parental burnout and what can you do about it?

For many parents, the reality of juggling the demands of caring responsibilities on their time, energy and resources leaves them with little time to take care of their own wellbeing. This can result in "parental burnout".

Although the exploration of parental burnout is relatively new, research has identified it as a prevalent issue across global communities and cultures. It's reported in countries around the world, with the highest prevalence rates rising to 8 per cent of parents in Poland, the United States and Belgium.

You could be forgiven for thinking there's a simple solution to this growing concern: relax and get some sleep! But again, the reality can be far different.

4 signs of parental burnout

Parental burnout is not just a buzzword. It's a growing syndrome that results from chronic parenting stress. It is characterised by four main symptoms for parents: experiencing physical or emotional exhaustion – or both

feeling shame about their parenting, or that they're not as good a parent as they used to be

feeling overwhelmed or "fed up" with the role of being a parent

feeling emotionally disconnected from their children.

Despite many feeling this way, recent research shows 60 per cent of parents don't routinely do anything to relax and recharge.

This research reports two in five parents feel tiredness impacts their ability to be the kind of parent they want to be, and nearly half of all parents think there's not enough time in the day to get everything done.

And that's the conundrum. It can be hugely challenging for caregivers to carve out time and space to look after themselves.

But when they do, it can have a positive impact on their physical and mental health, which can help them to manage the demands of parenting, so children and families benefit too.

4 positive things parents can do

So what can parents and carers do to help prevent or reduce burnout when they're already stretched so thin? Here are four things to explore:

1 Being less critical of yourself

As parents, we can all have days when we don't feel like we're doing our best. We may feel disconnected from our children, or emotionally and physically drained. This is where "self-compassion" comes in – being a little kinder to ourselves when we feel stressed or experience setbacks.

Not only is this good for parents and carers, it can be a key life skill they can model for their children.

Even though it can be overlooked, or its importance downplayed, self-compassion is a crucial form of self-care.

Moreover, research has shown parents who are kind to themselves and prioritise self-care have better overall health and well-being. They also feel more confident in their parenting skills and have more positive interactions with their children.

And parent's well-being, confidence and positive interactions with their children are strongly linked to better outcomes for children, including those with mental health challenges or disability.

Even if you make mistakes or your inner critic starts chiming in, try to reframe its voice into a more positive one. Remember, everyone faces challenges and there is no such thing as a perfect parent or child. Adopting this mindset can help.

2 Reframing self-care

As a parent or carer, it's common to put your own needs last and see self-care as an optional extra – something that takes precious time away from the responsibilities of parenting, or simply so low on the long list of priorities that it slips off.

However, taking care of yourself is the opposite of being selfish. Parents who prioritise self-care tend to be less self-critical and have better physical and mental health.

They also feel more skilled and confident as parents, are able to focus on parenting tasks better – even during stressful times – and are more likely to enjoy parenting.

It can be helpful to remember self-care isn't just a "nice to have" option. And it's not selfish to put your needs back into the picture – rather, it's an important parenting skill that benefits everyone.

3 Remembering small, everyday moments of self-care have a big impact

The concept of self-care is often portrayed as a special treat or occasional, expensive indulgence.

However, it can be more about those small, every day, under-the-radar actions that might only take a few minutes, or even seconds, but can set up positive patterns that can help parents to feel more balanced.

Something as simple as pausing to take some slow, deep breaths, going for a short walk in the fresh air or chatting with a supportive friend can help.

Even minor actions can add up over time to help parents navigate ups and downs more positively.

4 Asking for help

Parental burnout is one part of a larger conversation around the realities of being a parent or carer. There are often multiple factors at play that can contribute to burn out, such as lack of support, high levels of responsibility, the impact of natural disasters, looking after ageing parents and financial concerns. It's important for parents and carers to be mindful of the signs of burnout, and to seek help where needed.

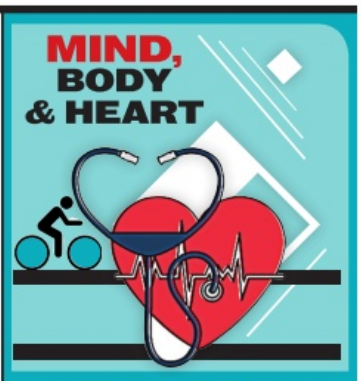
By addressing this issue as one important part of the broader parenting and care-giving journey, we can work towards creating more resilient, positive family environments for parents and children alike.

It is important to acknowledge that it is usually women who shoulder more of the caring load. Partners, employers and extended family should be on the look out for signs of burnout and offer help before they are asked.

Offering flexible work arrangements may be helpful, especially for those (for example, single parents) who may be doing it tough.

If parental burn out is affecting your day-to-day life, seek help through helplines set up where you are, your GP or an allied health professional.

(By Alan Ralph, The University of Queensland, for The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

In July, my partner and I are going abroad for his brother's wedding. I'm looking forward to it, despite the fact that I won't know anyone there apart from his brother and the bride.
We get on but we're not close, and only see them twice a year.
We have just had the day plans sent through, i.e. the time of the wedding and sit-down meal. We won't be eating until 6.30pm, so I said to my partner we needed to find somewhere to eat beforehand. He then told me he'd been invited to brunch with his brother and a small group of friends on the morning of the wedding. I asked him what I was supposed to do while he's at brunch because the bride hasn't invited me to a meal.
So, I told my partner I don't want to go to the wedding now and that he's being selfish. Am I being unreasonable for not wanting to go now?

COLEEN SAYS

Um, yes, I think you are; you're certainly being overdramatic and also cutting off your nose to spite your face. Are you really going to miss out on a wedding and a fantastic trip abroad because you haven't been invited to brunch with the lads? At weddings, it's often the case that you don't know most people there other than the bride and groom. Part of the fun of it is getting to know new people.

Of course, there are going to be moments in the day when your partner will be with his brother, so I think you have to put your big girl pants on and get on with it.

What's so bad about spending a few hours on your own somewhere lovely? You could sunbathe, have a massage, read a book by the pool and enjoy the me-time.

I think you've blown this out of proportion and you have to remember, it's not about you or your partner, it's about his brother and his bride. It's their big day.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

KAUSHIK JN

Alok Mohan takes charge as DG&IGP

Alok Mohan, an IPS officer, has now been given the responsibility of Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP). On Monday, Praveen Sood, who previously held the position, gave the charge to Alok Mohan at the police headquarters.

Currently, Alok Mohan holds the positions of Director General of Police, Commandant General of the Home Guards, Ex-officio Director of Civil Defence, Director of the Fire Department, and Head of the Special Disaster Response Force (SDRF). With effect from Saturday afternoon until further orders, he is given additional responsibility for the DG and IGP as well as the position of chairman, Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation, Bengaluru. Alok hails from Bihar and is an IAS officer of 1987 batch.

Sood's farewell

Sood, who will proceed to New Delhi to take charge as the next CBI Director, on Monday expressed his gratitude to the police force for conducting the 'most peaceful elections ever' without any untoward incident. He also gave a piece of advice to those helming the police force in Karnataka to keep the constabulary and citizens in mind before spending money.

Calling the Karnataka police force as his extended family, he expressed his good wishes to the constabulary, officers and his colleagues in the department. **(BMB & PTI)**

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Newly elected legislators take oath in Assembly

The first session of the 16th Karnataka Legislative Assembly after the Siddaramaiah government assumed office commenced on Monday.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath to senior leader, R.V. Deshpande, at the Raj Bhavan as Pro-tem Speaker of the house. Deshpande is a nine-time MLA and the most senior member in the house.

Deshpande on Monday chaired the Assembly session as pro-term Speaker. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, the newly inducted ministers, former Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai were the prominent members who took the oath as MLAs on Monday.

The Pro-tem speaker said that all the 224 members will take the oath in the three-day session which will end on Wednesday. Deshpande in his speech said: "We have all been elected, and have come here with the blessings of the people of Karnataka. We have to put all efforts for the development of the state."

He said that he could notice several senior faces in the assembly as well as some new leaders, adding that despite political differences, the MLAs should work together for the all-round progress of Karnataka.He exhorted the legislators to work for "that Karnataka which was a model for the country and where people live in harmony and peace". **–IANS**

Assembly session in progress on Monday

Prove 40% commission charge with evidence: Bommai

Former Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday demanded the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in the state to prove with evidence that there was 40% commission during the previous BJP rule.

The BJP leader also urged the government to investigate alleged scams or irregularities that took place during the previous BJP and Congress governments, and let the truth come out. "I want to clearly say -- let them probe. They have alleged 40% commission, they have to prove it with evidence now. I demand that the Congress, being in the government, to give us all the proof," Bommai said in a response to a question on the Congress government reportedly planning to probe the alleged scams during BJP rule.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "the Contractors' Association had alleged 40%, I want to tell its President Kempanna --they (Congress) may claim that there is no 40% commission with Congress in power -- so here on in all the projects contractors' will have quote 40% less in the tenders. If they continue to quote the same tender amount as earlier, it means that 40% has continued." "So Kempanna has a huge responsibility, the Contractors' Association should tell all its contractors to quote 40% less in their tender," he added. **-PTI**

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It is brought to the notice of thebgeneral public that my client has proposed to purchase the Schedule property from his vendor as mentioned above and any objections or claims in any nature whatsoever for or against such purchase shall be addressed to the office of the counsel mentioned below within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice and in the absence of such objections and claims my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULES

Item No.1

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SC sets aside HC's adverse observation against judge

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The Supreme Court has set aside the direction in a Karnataka High Court order directing a Mysuru judge to go for training at a judicial academy, saying that "such orders should not be made without opportunity to the person concerned whose career and esteem will be affected".

A bench of Justices AS Bopanna and Pankaj Mithal said: "This court has been repeatedly indicating that such orders should not be made without opportunity to the person concerned whose career and esteem will be affected." "In that view of the matter without adverting to any other aspect, we set aside the direction contained in paragraphs 15(iii) & (iv) of the order dated 04.02.2022. The observations against the appellant herein as contained in paragraph 14 is also expunged." The judicial officer moved the apex court challenging the adverse observations made against her and also the ultimate direction issued in paragraphs 15 (iii) & (iv) in the order against her.

The top court noted that the high court, while disposing of criminal petition through its order dated February 4, 2022, wherein the issue relating to cancellation of bail granted to the accused had arisen, made observations on the manner in which the appellant who is a judicial officer has exercised her discretion. The top court, in its order passed on May 19, said: "It is in that light the high court has made the observations and has arrived at the conclusion that the Registry is required to obtain orders from Hon'ble the Chief Justice and post the appellant- judicial officer in the Judicial Academy for training. Such observation and direction in our opinion is not justified."

The high court had made observations judge while disposing of a petition praying for cancellation of bail of an accused in a dowry harassment case. **–IANS**

'Ramming' car gives cops the slip

In order to escape from the clutches of the Tamil Nadu Police, a car sped away ramming into two-wheelers coming from the opposite side, in Anekal. The footage of the incident was captured on the CCTV camera at the spot.

A car without a number plate was plying suspiciously near Jujuwadi at border in Tamil Nadu. Seeing this, the Tamil Nadu police started chasing the car. At that time, a mini bus and a tempo collided in Anekal and the car got stuck on the road. As the police approached, the car escaped by driving on to two or three two-wheelers that were coming from the opposite side. A two-wheeler was dragged to some distance.

It is suspected that the men in the car were illegally transporting liquor in the car. Three people were seriously injured in the accident. **–BMB**

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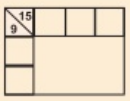

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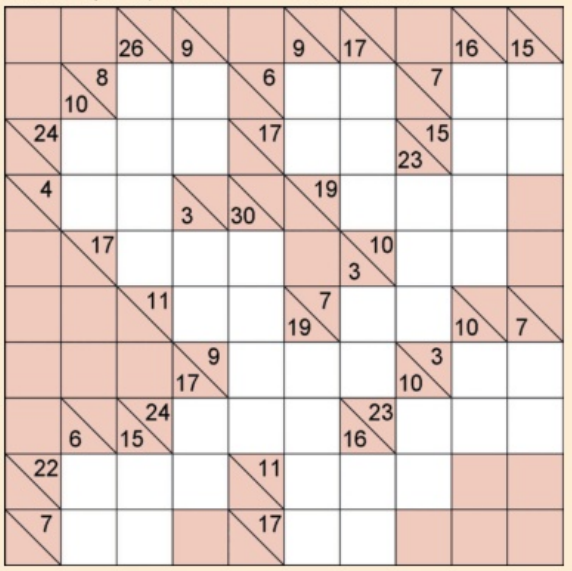

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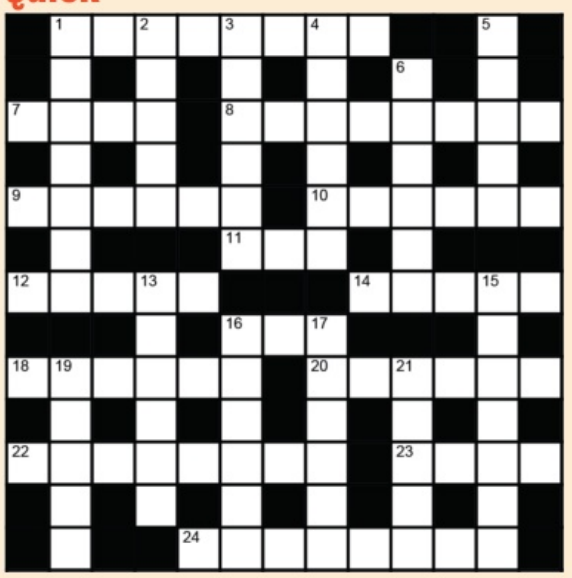

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7 Change of Govt. : coup d'____ (4)
8 Scorns or scoffs at (8)
9 Drive away or scatter, especially darkness or gloom? (6)
10 A perpetually reiterated list (6)
11 Secret agent ? (3)
12 Exhibits or displays (5)
14 Collectively (2,3)
16 Total (3)
18 Hospital on Bannerghatta Road (6)
20 Large lizard (6)
22 The eleventh month (8)
23 Ballet skirt (4)
24 Eye moisture (8)

DOWN

1 Rather warm? (7)
2 Still sleeping? (3,2)
3 Sings like Swiss mountaineers (6)
4 Without difficulty (6)
5 First Soviet premier (5)
6 Predatory insect – "ma's tin" anagram? (6)
13 Canine creatures (6)
15 Continuous or ceaseless (7)
16 Walk haltingly (6)
17 Reflecting glass (6)
19 Conspires (5)
21 Absolute (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS T

BGD VEJD UEN HKIW ENB CFENB BGD ZEJAW, BGD VEJD ETTEJBNIKBKDP BGDJD CJD BE ACNXG CB KB.

Linemaro

I seem to have loved you in numberless forms, number less times, in life after life, in age after age forever

Mindchow

After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box

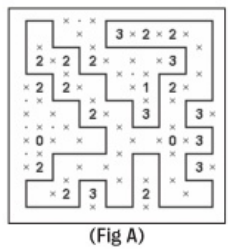
Joke of the day

Indifference will be the downfall of mankind, but who cares?

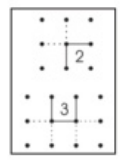
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



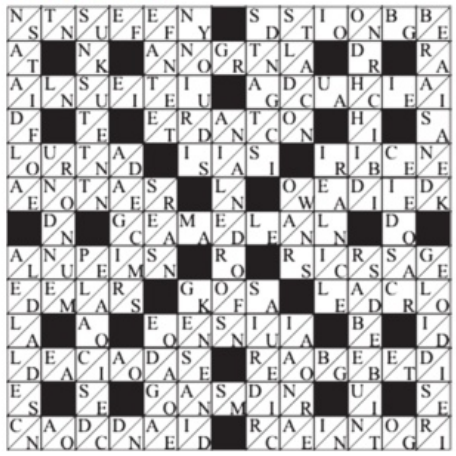
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

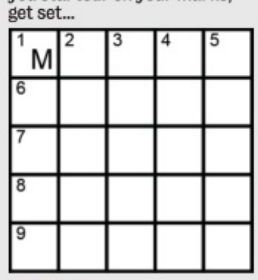
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Mt Ass; 6 Hut no;
7 Rotes; 8 So ere;
9 Drake

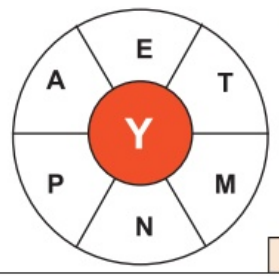
DOWN

1 Mures; 2 Ratan;
3 Hooks; 4 Store;
5 Ed set

Mensapuzzle

Insert the name of a type of fruit into the bottom line to complete nine three-letter words reading downwards.

A	S	P	C	R	O	F	M	C
R	I	E	A	U	D	O	A	O
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		5	8	7	3	9		
			2		1			
1	2						3	7
4			7		6			3
	6						4	
7			4		5			2
2	8						1	9
			3		8			
		3	9	4	2	6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 1

3 5 8 9

Medium = 24

2 5 6 8

Hard = 2

2 4 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

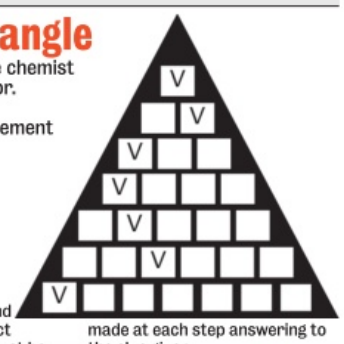
Differences: 1. Glass is missing. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Sign is longer. 4. Bow tie is moved. 5. Coffeepot has less coffee in it. 6. Ear is different.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: Libya,Nigeria, Algeria, Morocco?

Alpha triangle

1 Vanadium for the chemist
2 Audio-visual, abbr.
3 By way of
4 Passport endorsement
5 Dispatch boat
6 Friend in need
7 Assorted



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

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FAT CHANCE
This has been a short message from the National Council on Obese Gambling.
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Beetle Bailey

Hart of the city

I WAKE UP AT SIX, GET YOU OFF TO SCHOOL, TAKE RIPLEY TO PUPPY CLASSES, PICK YOU UP, GET TO THE PHARMACY BEFORE IT CLOSES, PICK UP CELESTE, MAKE DINNER, CLEAN, THEN PREP FOR THE NEXT DAY!
WHEN DO YOU SLEEP?! OR EAT?!
I'LL NAP BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 10 A.M., AND I'LL EAT AROUND 1 P.M. THEN I SLEEP BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 A.M.!
YOU HAVE THE SCHEDULE OF A CAT.
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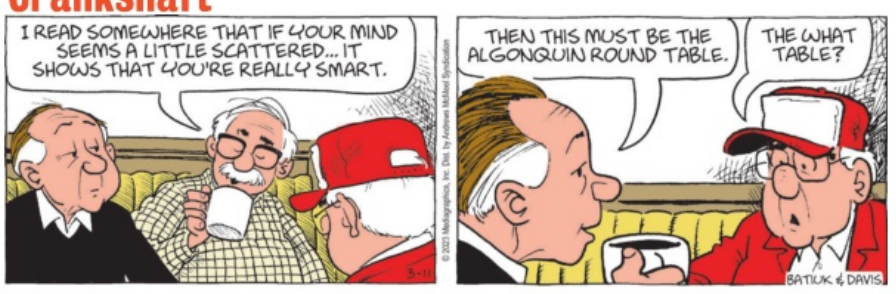
Crankshaft


I READ SOMEWHERE THAT IF YOUR MIND SEEMS A LITTLE SCATTERED... IT SHOWS THAT YOU'RE REALLY SMART.
THEN THIS MUST BE THE ALGONQUIN ROUND TABLE.
THE WHAT TABLE?
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may perform well at work, you may expect some promotions or transfer in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with your boss may boost now. Chronic health issues will be resolved now. This may make your family happy.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talking may affect people around you. You may spend your hard earned money buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast, it is advised to make any important decision with patience.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may implement your business plans with the help of your strong network. You may get a big order with the help of wisdom. There may be good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today things will be under control. You will enjoy your work; your focus will be good, which will reflect into your way of working. Your wisdom will help you to go ahead in making difficult decisions in terms of profession. Your past investments will start paying now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon; last couple of days disappointment may now convert into happiness. You may enjoy professional and personal life; your network may help you to complete your postponed projects. You are likely to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and your network may support you in every step.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today's messy situation is under control. You are blessed by the moon. You may initiate your postponed works. With the blessing, you may get rewarded for your hard work. There are some gains in your business, which may boost your finances. You may spend money on artifacts or literature. You may also plan to travel overseas.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be disappointed with the current position at work or home. You may not enjoy your moment. You may spend your hard earned money buying some worthless stuff, which may affect your savings. You are likely to plan for migration from the current place. You are advised to take care of your parents' health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel negativity around you. You may feel impatience. Focus towards goals is likely to be lost. Your grip on your projects are likely to slow down, which may be a reason for loss in the business or work. You may also notice some detachments from your responsibilities, which may affect your day-to-day routine.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may not feel well; you might have health issues, which may affect your profession and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard in their studies.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may make decisions very fast, which may give benefits in day-to-day life. You may take some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues; you are likely to get success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You may also expect some short trips.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon; new sources of income are likely to open. Your past investments will now start paying in terms of profits. Your losses will convert into profits, which will boost your financial health. Health issues related to parents may be resolved.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your partner, this may increase your business in the near future.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
25 - 4(2)(- 3)
25 + 8(- 3)
25 + 24
49

BULL'S EYE
empty, many, meaty, PAYMENT, type

STRIKE OUT

S	T	U	F	F	Y	S	T	O	O	G
T	N	A	O	R	T	A	C	H	R	R
I	N	S	I	T	U	A	C	A	C	I
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S	T	U	F	F	Y	S	T	O	O	G

FAST FIVE

M	A	S	T	S
U	N	H	O	T
S	T	O	R	E
E	R	O	S	E
R	A	K	E	D

RIDDLER
Nigeria is the only country in the list which is not in Arab League

QUICK

S			T	E	A	R	D	R	O	P
			T		S		R		O	
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	A	N	D		M	E	N			L

MENSA PUZZLE
cranberry, to give arc, sir, pea, can, rub, ode, for, mar, coy

QUOTE UNCODE
The more you find out about the world, the more opportunities there are to laugh at it.

SUDOKU

6	4	5	8	7	3	9	2	1
3	9	7	2	5	1	4	8	6
1	2	8	6	9	4	5	3	7
4	5	1	7	2	6	8	9	3
8	6	2	1	3	9	7	4	5
7	3	9	4	8	5	1	6	2
2	8	4	5	6	7	3	1	9
9	7	6	3	1	8	2	5	4
5	1	3	9	4	2	6	7	8

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 - 9 + 8 - 3 = 1
Medium
2 - 5 + 6 x 8 = 24
Hard
3 - 7 / 2 + 4 = 2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
V, AV, Via, Visa, Avlso, Savior, Various.

LOOP

KAKURO

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Kudos Kangana Kangana Ranaut won the Best Actress Award for her movie 'Thalaivii' at Osaka Tamil International Film Festival in Japan. The actress took to Instagram and expressed her gratitude for the recognition and honour given to her

Intimate moments

Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Varun Dhawan are all set to team up for global spy series Citadel. Directed by Raj & DK, the show will run parallel to the American series 'Citadel', starring Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden. Varun and Samantha had travelled to London for its UK premiere as well.

Now, as per reports, just like the American version, the Indian series too, will feature some intimate scenes between the lead pair, that is Samantha and Varun. According to a report by a regional news portal, Samantha has agreed to do some intimate scenes with Varun, provided they are shot aesthetically and are key to the script. However, the same could not be confirmed and the makers are yet to comment on the same. Citadel, while a spin off to the American series is not a remake. The same was confirmed by Samantha as a user had recently asked her. **—ETimes**

Here comes the sun

Mouni Roy has marked a dazzling debut at the ongoing 76th Cannes International Film Festival. In a series of pictures shared on Instagram, the actress showed off her sunny style in a billowing yellow gown.

The dramatic one-shoulder ensemble by Atelier Zuhra came with a long trail and bow detailing at the back. Mouni wrapped up her OOTD with black shades and a multi-coloured stone necklace by Swarovski. Speaking about her Cannes debut, Mouni had previously shared, "I am exhilarated to announce my debut at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. I am grateful for this incredible opportunity and cannot wait to showcase my unique style and passion for cinema on this global platform."

Apart from Mouni Roy, this year, the Cannes Film Festival was also attended by Sara Ali Khan, Mrunal Thakur, Manushi Chhillar, Diana Penty, Vijay Varma and Urvashi Rautela. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, who is a regular face at the festival, also marked her presence on the red carpet.

Last seen essaying the role of the main antagonist in Brahmastra, Mouni Roy will soon be seen in 'The Virgin Tree', co-starring Sunny Singh and Palak Tiwari. **—ETimes**

FITNESS GOALS

Check out how Shilpa Shetty keeps us motivated

Actor Shilpa Shetty keeps inspiring her fans with her fitness regime and diet plan. Her toned body and glamorous look motivate many women to have a healthy lifestyle. She has defied the concept of ageing and set an example of ageing gracefully. The actor recently shared her workout video and an inspiring post, leaving fans in awe of her personality and strength.

She posted a video on Instagram and wrote in the caption, "With my feet firmly grounded, here's me 'wheeling' in a new week with fitness, flexibility, and a dash of fun..Join me in this core-driven compound movement that works the legs and core extensively. Performing these reps works your cardiovascular system, develops core strength, and also helps develop cardiorespiratory endurance. This may look like it's a tough one..But remix this with me, tag me, and I'll share the best ones on my Stories."

After her post, many of her fans reacted and asked her the secret of her well-maintained physique and many of them were stunned to look at her energy at the age of 47. One of the social media users commented, "How do you do it at this age? It doesn't happen here even at 32" Another wrote, "Im working hard in the gym too. Shilpa mam you are my inspiration for yoga.Thanks Mam for everything".

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shilpa is all set to be seen in Rohit Shetty's cop action drama 'Indian Police Force'. **— ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Mutual admiration

Vasishta Simha and Haripriya, who got married last January, can't stop gushing. The couple, who acted in the movie Yada Yada Hi scheduled for release on June 2, have also sung a song for it.

"I appreciate Haripriya for not only teaching me how to dance but also for recommending me to act in Yada Yada Hi. Initially, I was not sure whether I could do it. I agreed to act in this movie because I want to be with my sweetheart. We struggled a lot to keep our marriage plans under wraps and behaved like friends on the sets though we are in love," said Vasishta.

The duo, along with Diganth, attended a trailer release function of the film on Sunday. "I recommended Vasishta to the director because it makes me comfortable on the sets. The film was shot in Hyderabad. It was a wonderful experience. Vasishta insisted that I sing a song for the movie. I had an experience of being part of a chorus. With this movie, I became a playback singer," said Haripriya.

Diganth said that he plays a corrupt police officer in the movie. "It is for the first time I play a police officer. I appreciate Haripriya and Vasishta for their sterling performance," said Diganth.

Many shades

Pratap Simha, who chose acting over being a software engineer, has acted in movies Rajatantra, Raaji, and Nilukada Tare and his fourth movie Stabda is set for release on June 9. The audio function of Stabda was held at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha.

"I play the lead role that has three shades. Harshika Poonacha is the female lead. Audiences must watch this movie at theaters. It will keep them on the edge of their seats. The first shade of my character in the movie is a soft family-loving person. The second shade is of a king," said Pratap.

He said he was lucky to get a chance to share screen space with Raghavendra Rajkumar. "Raghavendra Rajkumar plays the heroine's father. I acted with him in Raja Tantra and Raaji," he said.

Harshika said her role has two shades. "I was very comfortable during the shooting. All cinema lovers must encourage this movie," she said.

Stabda (meaning freeze) is the second movie for Laali Raghava as a director. "The muhurat function of Stabda was held on January 26. I thank the producer for providing me with all I needed during the shooting," he said.